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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4510

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, SF, WA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: WINDHOEK LIASON OFFICE

REF: STATE 196343 AND 194012

1. NOW THAT WE HAVE ASSURED OURSELVES OF OFFICE SPACE AND THREE APARTMENTS IN WINDHOEK AND MADE TENTATIVE FURNISHING ARRANGEMENTS (FULL REPORT SEPTEL), BELIEVE WE SHOULD HOLD OFF FOR THE MOMENT ON FURTHER PREPARATIONS IN WINDHOEK ITSELF, ALTHOUGH WE CAN PROCEED WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS STAGING EQUIPMENT IN PRETORIA. THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL'S AIDE, JOHN VIAL, KNOWS OF THE INTEREST WE HAVE SHOWN IN THE ACQUISITION OF SPACE IN WINDHOEK AND HE IS PROBABLY AWARE BY NOW OF THE LEASES WE HAVE SIGNED. VIAL MADE CLEAR TO POL COUNS TAYLOR THAT, WHEN WE DECIDE TO ESTABLISH A PRESENCE THERE, IT IS ASSUMED WE WILL REQUEST SAG AUTHORIZATION, AN ACTION WE ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT WOULD HOPE TO AVOID.

2. UP TO THE MOMENT, WE HAVE DEALT WITH PRIVATE PARTIES AND MADE ONLY WHAT CAN BE TERMED CONTINGENCY PREPARATIONS. TO PROCEED  
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NOW WITH THE PROPOSED VISIT OF RSO TO WINDHOEK (STATE 194012) AND WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A LEASED TELETYPE CIRCUIT (STATE 196343) WOULD CLEARLY SUGGEST WE HAVE MADE OUR DECISION. THE SAG WOULD WELL BE INDUCED TO ASSERT ITS "RESPONSIBILITY FOR SWA" AND INSIST THAT WE MUST REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN WINDHOEK. THE CHANCES OF THIS OCCURRING WOULD BE PARTICULARLY LIKELY IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION FOR A TELETYPE CIRCUIT

WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO A SAG AGENCY. THERE IS, MOREOVER,  
AN ADDITIONAL OBJECTION TO THE RSO PROCEEDING AT THIS TIME TO  
WINDHOEK: WE AGREE WITH AHTISAARI AND WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT  
GROUP THAT IT IS PREFERABLE NOT TO HAVE WESTERN EMBASSY OFFICIALS  
THERE WHILE AHTISAARI AND HIS TEAM ARE PRESENT FOR THEIR  
INITIAL SURVEY.

3. WE OF COUSE DO NOT YET KNOW WHEN AND HOW THE QUESTION OF  
ACCREDITATION OR PERMISSION TO ESTABLISH OURSELVES IN WINDHOEK  
WILL BE RESOLVED. WE WOULD HOPE THAT IT WOULD COME UNDER THE AUTHORIT  
Y  
OF THE UNSR OR AT LEAST THE UNSR AND THE AG FUNCTIONING JOINTLY  
RATHER THAN THE SAG. PRESUMABLY IT WILL FLOW FROM THE KIND OF  
ARRANGEMENTS THE UN ITSELF IS ABLE TO MAKE PER USUN 3099. IN  
ANY EVENT, IT WOULD BE BEST IN OUR JUDGEMENT TO LET DEVELOPMENTS  
IN WINDHOEK UNFOLD FOR AWHILE BEFORE MOVING FURTHER.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE TELETYPE CIRCUIT, WE HAVE HAD GOOD RAPPORT  
WITH PPT IN THE PAST AND RECEIVED RAPID ASSITANCE. WE BELIEVE IT  
LIKELY THAT WE CAN SECURE A CIRCUIT ON A FEW DAYS' NOTICE OR  
WITH VERY MINIMAL DELAY. ASSUMING THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH OUR  
VIEW ON POSTPONING ACTION ON THE CURCUIT, AT LEAST UNTIL THE  
UNSR REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND APPROVED, WE WILL WANT  
TO CONSIDER WHAT ALTERNATIVE SECURE COMMUNICATIONS MIGHT BE  
EMPLOYED IF OUR ASSUMPTION ABOUT QUICK ACQUISITION OF A CIRCUIT  
PROVES WRONG. WOULD IT BE FEASIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO MAKE AVAILABLE  
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FOR TEMPORARY USE KY-70 SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT WHICH WOULD ENABLE  
THE PHONING OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGES TO EMBASSY PRETORIA  
FOR TRANSCRIPTION AND TRANSMISSION?  
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